



*Kincardine United Church
All Saints Memorial Sunday
November 1, 2020 10:30 a.m.*

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

**An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.*

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PRELUDE Vater unser in Mimmelreich

G. P. Telemann

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,
that we gather for worship
on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Vater unser in Mimmelreich

J. S. Bach BWV 636

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

The Christ candle is lit. The light flickers and flames, vulnerable and small.

We come seeking the light of Christ, yet our vision often falters.

We come stumbling and tripping, reaching out for a steady grip.

As we reach, we touch one another, discovering strength in one another.

The Spirit whispers to our hearts, to our longing, to our seeking,
encouraging, inspiring, daring, uniting and equipping.

The Christ candle is lit while our spirits respond with similarly tiny flickers.

Reaching out for signposts to guide us, we gain a vision of all those flickers.

With our renewed vision, let us join together in prayer:

We gather for worship seeking your holy vision, loving God.

**In our mind's eye, even while physically distanced though digitally united,
our gaze despairs at the fragility of each tiny flame, of each exposed flicker.**

Your Spirit whispers to our hearts,

reminding us that you call us to come together,

to pool our daring, our inspiration and our vision for your purpose.

You invite us to an ever more expansive vision,

revealing that our own flames

are augmented by the flames of those who came before,

of the great collection of saints whose vision fuels ours,

sustained by your unconditional loving faithfulness.

We come, then, O God, to follow where the risen Christ leads. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 706** Give Thanks for Life

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silent Prayer)

SHARING TIME "Working Together"

THE LORD'S PRAYER we sing

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Psalm 146 in the Old Testament page 581.

***MORE VOICES** 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

BIBLE READING Colossians 3:12-17 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

DOXOLOGY KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD (sing twice)

Know that God is good,
 Know that God is good,
 Know that God is good,
 God is good, God is good.

MEDITATION Wisdom in the Cloud of Witnesses

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

A TIME TO REMEMBER THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

Today is All Saints Sunday.

This is the Sunday we mark to remember all Christians both past and present.

It recognizes that we stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. This day we affirm that we are not alone.

Instead, those who have died before us,

these saints who journey with us each moment of each day,
 these saints help us as we live the Way of Jesus.

As it is written in Hebrews 12:1 from the paraphrase *The Message*,

“Do you see what this means –

all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on?

It means we'd better get on with it.

Strip down, start running—and never quit!”

Just as scripture implores us to harvest the wisdom of these saints,

we cherish their company,

even though we cannot reach out and touch them physically.

Instead, heart to heart, we cherish our memories of them,

remembering how they have taught us to live a life of faith.

During this time in our worship service,

we are going to read the names of those saints who have died in the past year.

All of them are part of this community of faith –

either because they are members or because they are connected to members.

Once each name is read,

a white carnation will be placed in the vase on the communion table.

Let us remember these souls who are now part of the great cloud of witnesses,

embraced within God's loving, restorative arms.

THE PLACING OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Alan Ranold Wiseman
 Elizabeth Laurel Taylor
 Sally Shantz
 Eileen Elizabeth Stewart
 Vera Ruby Orr
 Karen Frances Nancekivell
 Sheila May Morrow
 Ruth Joanne Morris
 John Middlekamp
 Helen Marion McLeod
 Rev. Dr. Allan McDowell
 Carol Joy Martin
 Floyd Carl Johnston
 Robert Secord Hunter
 Glen Emerson Holmes
 Elizabeth Anne Healey
 Robert Murray Forrest
 Eunice Marion Emmerton
 Mervyn Willis Collins
 Susan Kathleen Catto
 Viola Mae Bridge

MEMORIAL AFFIRMATION

In life, in death, in life beyond death, you are with us, O God.

God of all saints,

**we thank you for the blessing of wisdom these souls have given,
 as we thank you for the cherished memories of those we love.**

BEING BLESSED BY THE SAINTS AMONG US AND A BLESSING FOR OTHERS

(Paper Carnations)

If you received our weekly email blast on Friday,
 you would have been sent a paper carnation.

If you didn't receive one, please get a piece of paper and a pen or pencil.

On the back of that paper carnation or on the piece of paper,
 please take some time to write the saints you cherish
 who have been a gift in your life.

These are the people we consider part of the great cloud of witnesses of saints.

As you write, let us take some time for silent reflection.

SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM "Do Lord"

Connie Hains, Beryl David, Rhonda Flemming, Jane Russell and Lyn Murray

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**OFFERING INVITATION****WHY I GIVE****OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Our time, our talent and our treasure we bring to you, O God,
returning for your blessing gifts which seem small by themselves,
but gifts when added one to the other become a mighty witness.
Bless us and our cheerful, faithful giving in faithful discipleship.
We ask it all in Jesus' name, the one who gave fully of himself. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 713 I See a New Heaven

BENEDICTION**SONG OF COMMITMENT 424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE Prelude in F Major

J. S. Bach BWV 556